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1. An international convention of representatives of the coal chemical industry was held in Gliwice (Gleiwitz), Poland, at the end of September 1953. The convention was sponsored by the Polish Academy of Science and the Ministry of Chemical Industry and Mines. Polish scientists and chemists, as well as scientists from East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and the USSR, attended the convention. The main subject of discussion at the convention was new production methods to be used in the production of basic chemicals derived from black (bituminous) coal and lignite.
2. According to the speeches the Polish chemical industry would continue to use black coal as its raw material. The formation of a Polish petroleum chemical industry was not planned for the future. It was planned to use the entire Polish output of mineral oils derived from coal and lignite for the production of fuels.
3. Poland is expected to produce 100,000,000 metric tons of black coal in 1955. Of this amount, 20,000,000 metric tons would be used to supply Polish metallurgical works with coke and to supply the chemical industry with raw material. The 1955 coke production is estimated to reach about 10,000,000 metric tons.

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